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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SIDNEY, ELECTED
AND APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1919-1920

Moderator

T. W. LONGLEY

Town Clerk

J. H. FIELD

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

H. A. FAUGHT

T. W. LONGLEY

GUY H. LYON

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN S. TAPLEY

Superintending School Committee

GEO. W. MANTER

STORER TANNER

S. A. PHILBROOK

Health Officer

E. P. WILLIAMS

Constable

C. S. TAYLOR

Sexton

J. H. TRASK

Road Commissioners

J. T. RAMSEY

A. W. BANGS

CLYDE D. CLARK

Fire Ward

H. H. PHILBROOK

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Sidney:

We hereby submit our Annual Report for the year ending Feb. 10, 1920:

VALUATION AND TAX

Resident real estate	\$297,027 00
Non-resident real estate	69,325 00
Resident personal estate	106,245 00
Non-resident personal estate	5,605 00
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	\$478,202 00
Tax on above at \$.0335	\$ 16,019 77
Polls, 239, at \$3.00	717 00
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	\$ 16,736 77

Fractional gain, \$0.63.

APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and bridges	\$ 2,000 00
State aid road	533 00
Maintenance of state aid road	60 00
Common school	3,400 00
Tuition out of town	400 00
Town charges	3,000 00
Memorial day	25 00
Town fair	50 00
School books	150 00
Repair of schoolhouses	100 00
Town debt	1,500 00
Support of poor	1,000 00
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	\$ 12,218 00
State tax	3,521 08
County tax	788 16

Overlay	209 53
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	\$ 16,736 77
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Supplementary tax	59 60
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LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED 1919

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	373	\$111 30	\$ 41,515 00
Colts 3 to 4 years	7	92 86	650 00
Colts 2 to 3 years	10	73 00	730 00
Colts under 2 years	9	61 78	565 00
Cows	495	62 67	31,022 00
Oxen	10	115 00	1,150 00
Three-year-olds	172	49 91	8,585 00
Two-year-olds	289	36 31	10,493 00
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			\$ 94,710 00

EXEMPT

One-year-olds	313	\$ 21 70	\$ 6,795 00
Sheep	370	8 70	3,220 00
Swine	266	23 33	6,205 00
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			\$ 16,220 00

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock (shares)	7	\$	525 00
Stock in trade			650 00
Motor-boats	10		680 00
Logs and lumber			2,300 00
Wood			200 00
Automobiles	45		8,750 00
Musical instruments	26		2,235 00
Portable mill	1		100 00
Gas engines	22		1,350 00

Motorcycles	6	350 00
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		\$ 17,140 00

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT

Received for farm	\$ 3,000 00
Received for hay	150 74
Received for stock and goods	463 68
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	\$ 3,614 42

Paid G. A. Kennison & Co., sup- plies	\$192 78	
W. P. Marble, supplies	42 82	
Merrill, Mayo Co., grain ...	42 40	
Karl Ulbrick, meat	13 68	
M. E. Page, supplies	84 35	
M. E. Page, salary	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 476 03
Balance	\$ 3,138 39	

POOR BILLS, 1919

Mrs. W. B. Smith, board Lester Townsend \$	260 00
R. C. Smiley, delivery to F. W. Hamlen ...	4 20
Samuel J. Foster, medicine for W. Berry	60
Mrs. Chas. Herrick, board O. Gardner ...	5 00
A. W. Bangs, board W. Berry	152 28
Mrs. James Ridgeway, board and care of Mrs. Lena Smith	\$ 157 71
Mrs. F. C. Hughes, board O. Gardner ...	111 42
E. P. Williams, M. D.	25 00
L. L. Mann, M. D., medical attendance, Mrs. Lena Smith	12 00
Edward Wing	2 00
A. W. Bangs, tobacco and medicine for W. Berry	26 00

W. P. Marble, rubbers for W. Berry	2 00
Mrs. Fred Keene, board W. Berry	60 00
W. M. Wilshire, meals for tramps	6 00
H. H. Hawes, supplies for O. Gardner . . .	11 60
C. B. Murphy, medicine for Smith and Berry	7 15
G. A. Ballard, repairing clothes of W. Berry	1 00
J. T. Ramsey, board James Crowley	108 31
E. P. Williams, medical attendance, F. W. Hamlen, W. Berry and O. Gardner . . .	48 00
G. S. Scott, supplies for W. Berry	11 15

\$ 1,011 42

Appropriation 1,000 00

Balance overexpended \$ 11 42

ACCOUNT RIVERSIDE AND VASSALBORO FERRIES

M. L. Tracy, services as ferryman, 246 days, at \$2.00	\$ 492 00
Ferryboat	495 37
Scull-oar and labor	10 00

\$ 997 37

Receipts 235 75

Deficiency \$ 761 62

Sidney's proportion, five-eighths . \$476 01

Vassalboro's proportion, three-
eighths 285 61

Frank Woods, services as ferryman, 249 days, at \$2.00	\$ 498 00
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Receipts	157 50
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Deficiency \$ 340 50

Vassalboro's proportion, five-eighths	\$212 81	
Sidney's proportion, three-eighths	127 69	
Due Vassalboro, Feb. 10, 1919	\$ 566 62	
Due Vassalboro, Feb. 10, 1920	127 69	
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	\$ 694 31	
Due Sidney from Vassalboro, Feb. 10, 1920	285 61	
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Balance due Vassalboro	\$ 408 70	

TOWN BILLS, 1919

S. A. Philbrook, ballot clerk	\$ 9 00
H. H. Philbrick, fire ward	9 00
M. L. Goodhue, sheep killed by dogs	48 00
C. D. Clark, services as selectman from Feb. 10 to Mar. 10, 1920	20 00
J. M. Eastman, recording tax deed	1 10
J. H. Trask, sexton and truant officer ..	34 50
Wallace S. Ladd, printing town report and bills	60 75
M. L. Reynolds, watering place	5 00
S. A. Clark, treasurer, 1918	165 00
Mrs. Wm. H. Powell, cleaning town hall	3 00
J. Sherman Tracy, labor on ferryboat ..	7 20
A. B. Bates & Co., sawing	22 03
John S. Tapley, superintendent of schools	274 88
H. A. Faught, services as selectman, cash paid out and expenses out of town	245 00
C. D. Clark, housing roller	3 00
T. W. Longley, services as selectman	111 93
Guy H. Lyon, services as selectman	127 50
J. W. Lincoln Post, for Memorial day	25 00
J. Frank Pierce Store, office supplies ...	11 95
G. E. Sherrard, burying horse	3 50
Fletcher and Robbins, ferryboat	495 37

M. L. Tracy	266 25
C. E. Downing, insurance on hearse	28 16
Chas. R. Shaw, repairs for hearse	3 00
C. S. Taylor, town fair and services as constable, appraising sheep	71 50
Annie Mackintosh, burial expense of Mrs. Julia Mackintosh	60 00
Arthur Bowman, sheep killed by dogs	150 00
Frank Bowman, sheep killed by dogs	390 00
O. H. Davenport, miscellaneous supplies for state aid road	2 79
John H. Burleigh, rebate on tax	5 00
A. W. Hammond, watering place	5 00
C. B. Warren, watering place	5 00
Gardner Taylor, watering place	5 00
Alex Mills, expense on Butterfield Hill ..	65 00
James Dyer, watering place	5 00
C. W. Clark, hauling ferryboat	5 00
Kennebec Journal Co., tax ad.	15 20
E. P. Williams, M. D., reporting births, deaths, and fumigating	25 50
F. C. Foster, sealing weights and measures	4 00
J. H. Field, town clerk and telephone ...	54 80
F. G. Farrington, legal advice	15 00

\$ 2,863 91

Snow bills of 1918-19	295 34
Dependents of soldiers and sailors	346 55
Mothers' aid	76 07
Tuition (per school report)	1,071 50

\$ 4,653 37

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Memorial day	25 00
Town fair	50 00

Tuition	400 00	
Received from state	1,532 58	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,007 58
Balance unexpended	\$	354 21

MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY

Walter B. Haskell	\$ 5 66	
Mrs. Lena Durrell	5 25	
F. Bigelow Barnard	5 66	
O. H. Davenport	18 98	
A. H. Smiley	5 33	
S. W. Goff	9 00	
L. D. Goff	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 59 88
Appropriation	\$ 60 00	
Received from state	28 80	
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Balance unexpended	\$	28 92

HIGHWAY BILLS PRIOR TO FEB. 10, 1919

Martin L. Reynolds	\$ 10 00	
Chas. Graves	25	
A. L. Clark	23 00	
W. A. & W. E. Noble	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 35 25

HIGHWAY, WINTER 1918-19

W. B. McArthur	\$ 1 50	
E. F. Durrell	1 13	
M. I. Knight	6 50	
P. A. & C. A. Haskell	4 00	
Archie Robinson	5 75	
C. D. Clark	3 60	
Wm. Bergoine	5 40	

Chester G. Freeman	1 00
M. L. Goodhue	19 20
Andrew Davidson	4 00
A. L. Clark	2 00
A. H. Smiley	8 50
R. C. Smiley	15 60
F. G. Creed	6 60
B. H. Tracy	2 00
Merle McCartney	1 75
John T. Ramsey	12 72
E. C. Wyman	10 68
L. H. Gray	2 63
F. E. Cowan	9 00
W. A. Hoxie	3 50
Bigelow Barnard	2 00
E. L. Swift	19 16
Basil Trask	6 00
E. B. Tanner	12 00
M. E. Page	5 90
Frank & Glenn Bailey	18 60
Wm. B. Haskell	18 00
Emery Blaisdell	12 14
Fred Ames	1 50
John Swift	9 00
Fred A. Taylor	5 00
W. Reynolds	6 00
H. F. Roundy	75
Otto Bowden	6 00
Warren Powell	3 60
E. Knowles	4 20
W. Y. Ballard	9 00
Carroll I. Foss	1 38
J. Landry	6 40
J. E. Sawtelle	13 70
Geo. Crockett	75
S. A. Philbrook	7 20

STATE AID ROAD, 1919

Berger Mfg. Co.	\$ 8 10
C. C. Burnham	83 33
W. S. Taylor	96 48
L. E. Moore	132 00
L. D. Goff	168 66
W. A. Levett	9 00
E. L. Goff	2 67
F. B. Barnard	88 65
P. A. Haskell	77 99
Harry Haskell	24 00
E. G. Graves, Jr.	27 00
W. A. Hoxie	96 00
A. L. Chadbourne	198 15
Walter Haskell	108 41
C. A. Graves	1 00
Purinton Bros. Co.	22 00
A. H. Bailey	2 50
G. M. Ellis	25 44
James Dyer	60
G. A. Houghton	10 00
A. B. Davenport	40 49
Percy W. French	3 50
F. W. Faught	2 76
O. H. Davenport	364 24

Expended by town\$1,592 97

Expended by state 16 72

\$ 1,609 69

Appropriated by town\$ 533 00

Appropriated by state 708 89

Unexpended balance 1918 455 11

\$ 1,697 00

Unexpended balance\$ 87 31

HIGHWAY, SUMMER 1919

Clyde D. Clark	\$ 184 00
Wm. Borgoine	3 30
E. F. Gunning	31 14
Fred G. Creed	104 16
Alton G. Cummings	1 50
A. B. Davenport	5 04
A. W. Bangs	244 91
O. H. Davenport	17 77
J. G. Griffin	69 75
M. J. Jackson	101 38
Fred Keene	37 50
Merle McCartney	44 60
Otto Bowden	40 00
John T. Ramsey	272 74
A. H. Smiley	56 47
Earl Goff	96 88
Good Roads Machinery Co.	13 50
A. Logan Clark	30 61
Gardner Taylor	39 65
Edward R. Freeman	19 13
P. W. French	20 26
Don Philbrick	6 75
Walter McArthur	34 75
Walter Reynolds	2 25
A. L. Chadbourne	59 52
Wm. Blaisdell	4 50
Jessie Peavy	3 92
Longley Bros.	11 30
Basil Trask	10 00
L. D. Swift	20 00
L. M. Stone	2 75
Harold Benson	21 25
John Swift	26 25
J. Montee	2 25

W. E. Newell	32 13
Bert Blanchard	23 25
E. L. Swift	17 25
Sanford Philbrook	10 00
W. W. Cowan	34 25
John Philbrick	18 13
Berger Mfg. Co.	49 54
D. M. Marshall Co.	3 85
Charles M. Goff	41 66
E. R. Goff	63 72
Verna Hamlen	8 50
Geo. Austin	2 50
S. W. Goff	71 42
Addie E. Sawtelle	6 00
Walter B. Haskell	6 00
F. Eugene Cowan	16 50
Irving W. Lowell	88 50
George H. Green	16 00
F. A. Barnard	4 00
David A. Field	3 50
Lena Durrell	28 30
R. C. Smiley	20 14
Cedric Reynolds	1 10
M. E. Page	105 56
E. B. Tanner	75
C. G. Nichols	25 00
M. L. Tracy	12 00
M. H. Drummond	35 84
Leo Landry	2 25
Flerrien Landry	3 38
I. C. Taylor	40 08
Herbert Haskell	4 48
G. E. Sherrard	7 36
Alfred Landry	31 55
J. Landry	10 62
Walter Wilshire	35 14

Carroll I. Foss	43 11
Dimon Sawtelle	5 00
Laforest Trask	4 00
T. W. Longley	25 70
E. L. Hamlen	75
H. F. Stevens	7 47
William Colby	36 00
Harry Ramsey	2 00
Manley Bailey	8 00
John Logree	1 75
D. L. Weeks	1 62
L. H. Black	28 50
L. D. Goff	18 18

Expended\$2,702 11

Appropriation 2,000 00

Overexpended\$ 702 11

DEPENDENTS OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1919

Mrs. Ivadell Ellis	\$ 58 99
Mrs. Grace Robinson	46 35
Mrs. Helen Cox	46 35
Mrs. Ethelywn Chute	33 71
H. A. Reynolds	161 15

Expended\$ 346 55

Received from state 346 55

MOTHERS' AID, 1919

Mrs. Lena Durrell\$ 76 07

Received from state 38 03

\$ 38 04

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1919

Willis Watson, paid in Oakland \$	6 85	
Bennie Jellison, paid in Augusta	6 52	
Wm. Folger, soldier	3 00	
Zalmon R. Bacon, paid in New Hampshire	3 00	
L. E. Bowman, part of tax	16 80	
John Peavy	3 00	
Arthur B. Davenport, sailor	3 00	
Chester Bigelow, paid in Water-ville	3 00	
Fred Alexander, paid in Benton	3 00	
E. F. Gunning	9 53	
	<hr/>	\$ 57 70

SETTLEMENT WITH S. A. CLARK, TREAS.

Balance due town, Feb. 10, '19 ..	\$1,081 08
Receipts, Feb. 10 to Apr. 5, '19..	172 56
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	\$1,253 64
Paid orders	708 53

Balance due town, Apr. 5, '19\$ 545 11

Resources

Due from E. P. Williams, Treas.	\$1,135 19	
Due from Leroy Page (per estimate)	100 00	
Due from schools	492 76	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,727 95

Liabilities

M. L. Reynolds, note with interest to Feb. 10, '20	\$2,083 33
S. C. Hastings, note with inter-	

est to Feb. 10, '20	1,041 67	
Vileda Bean, note	400 00	
State Trust Co., note with inter-		
est to Feb. 10, '20	1,031 94	
M. L. Reynolds, note with inter-		
est to Feb. 10, '20	1,039 67	
Due Vassalboro on ferries	408 70	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,005 31
Balance against town	\$	4,277 36
E. & O. Excepted.		

H. A. FAUGHT,
T. W. LONGLEY,
GUY H. LYON,

Selectmen of Sidney.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

ART. 9. That the town choose one road
comissioner.

	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
ART. 19. Repair of highways and bridges	.\$3,000 00
ART. 20. Yes.	
ART. 21. Voted in favor of state aid road ..	533 00
ART. 22. For maintenance state aid road	80 00
ART. 23. For support of common schools ..	4,000 00
ART. 24. For tuition out of town	850 00
ART. 25. For support of poor	1,200 00
ART. 26. For town charges and snow bills .	5,000 00
ART. 29. For Memorial day	25 00
ART. 33. For school books	200 00
ART. 34. For repairs of schoolhouses	200 00
ART. 36. For town debt	1,000 00
ART. 37. For Vassalboro ferry debt	408 70
ART. 39. For repair of River Road	1,000 00

C. S. TAYLOR, *Clerk.*

Estimated rate, based on above appropriations, \$.044.

Treasurer and Collector's Report

EXPENDITURES FROM APR. 1, 1919, TO FEB. 10, 1920

Paid State Trust Co. note given July 1, 1918	\$ 2,000 00
Interest on above note	76 67
M. L. Reynolds, interest on notes of \$3000	145 00
S. C. Hastings, interest on note of \$1000	50 00
State Treas. for highway patrol ..	380 90
State Treas. for dog licenses, 1919	91 00
State tax	3,524 08
County tax	788 16
State Trust Co., note given June 19, 1918	1,500 00
State Trust Co., interest on above note	112 29
State Trust Co., note given Aug. 20, 1918	1,000 00
State Trust Co., interest on above note	66 11
State Trust Co., note given Sept. 1, 1918	500 00
State Trust Co., interest on above note	30 21
State Trust Co., note given Apr. 24, 1919	1,000 00
State Trust Co., interest on above note	33 08

State Trust Co., note given June 11, 1919	1,500 00
State Trust Co., interest on above note	43 14
Vileda Bean, interest on note of \$400	18 00
For school, highway, poor and town orders	15,476 14
Balance on hand, Feb. 10, 1920	1,135 19
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	\$ 29,469 97

RECEIPTS FROM APR. 1, 1919, TO FEB. 10, 1920

From sale of town farm	\$ 3,000 00
Sale of goods on town farm	463 68
S. A. Clark, Treas., 1918	545 11
Tax deeds, 1918	8 32
State Trust Co. note, Apr. 24	1,000 00
State Trust Co. note, June 11	1,500 00
State Trust Co. note, June 25	1,000 00
State Treas., damage to domestic animals	868 50
State Treas., on account of families of dependent soldiers and sailors	486 01
State Treas., on account of depend- ent mothers	38 03
State Treas., s c h o o l equalization fund	300 00
State Treas., dog licenses refunded	10 78
State Treas., school and mill funds	806 44
State Treas., common school fund	874 29
State Treas., burial of soldiers ...	60 00
State Treas., highway maintenance	28 80
State Treas., free high schools ...	500 00
State Treas., improvement of state road	1,059 97

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J. H. Field, dog tax	91 00
J. H. Field, miscellaneous	8 00
State Trust Co., interest on check deposits	24 04
Commitment, 1919	16,737 40
Supplementary tax	59 60
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	\$ 29,469 97
Held in trust for J. O. Drummond estate .	\$ 100 00
Interest accumulated on above	53 87
Held in trust for O. M. Sibley estate	200 00
Interest accumulated on above	44 33

E. P. WILLIAMS,

Treasurer and Collector.

Town Clerk's Report

MARRIAGES FROM FEB. 10, 1919, TO FEB. 10, 1920

- Jan. 4. Ralph F. Young and Lillian E. Green.
Feb. 22. Louis Coron and Emetie Belanger.
May 1. Henry Hammond and Carrie M. Sawtelle.
June 19. Arthur B. Davenport and Fernella H. Barnard.
June 30. Cedric T. Reynolds and Doris E. Wyman. ✓
Aug. 2. Frank Clark and Hellen G. Ricker.
Aug. 9. George Bronson and Vena F. Davis.
Aug. 27. Benjamin D. Jellison and Edna Haskell.
Sept. 24. Cleon D. Bartlett and Mildred L. Shaw.
Dec. 10. William E. Newall and Beatrice E. Bangs.

BIRTHS FROM FEB. 10, 1919, TO FEB. 10, 1920

- Feb. 20. Gilbert Reynolds Austin, male; parents, George and Amy.
Feb. 24. Ruth Mary Ballard, female; parents, Ralph and Jeanette.
Mar. 13. John Lawrence Abbott, male; parents, William and Inez.
Apr. 12. Charlotte Myrtle Graves, female; parents, George and Myrtie.
Apr. 12. Carl Dana Goff, male; parents, Earl and Grace.
May 11. ————— Blaisdell, female; parents, Walter and Ester.
May 22. Rena May Bowden, female; parents, Otto and Mabel.
May 28. Erlolya Louise Bacon, female; parents, Roy and Ella.

- May 30. Kenneth Nathaniel Farnham, male; parents, Horace and Sadie.
- May 30. Dorothea Mae Bingeman, female; parents, Edgar I. Luce and Alice D. Bingeman.
- June 2. Dorothy Eva Newson, female; parents, Byron Turner and Ina M. Newson.
- June 5. Margaret E. Taylor, female; parents, Gardner and Nora.
- June 21. Clyde Hayward Clark, male; parents, Clyde and Harriet.
- June 26. Madeline Adella Davis, female; parents, Leroy and Brida.
- Sept. 22. Hobart Delmont Tracy, male; parents, Sherman and Alfreda.
- Sept. 23. Forest Leslie Philbrook, male; parents, Sanford and Alice.
- Sept. 30. Catherine Ella Benson, female; parents, Harold and Ella.
- Oct. 3. Frederick Allen Judkins, male; parents, Lester and Gertrude.
- Oct. 3. Ralph Leslie Nichols, male; parents, Charles and Agnes.
- Oct. 12. Joseph Plyzza, male; parents, John and Aggie.
- Nov. 14. Dean Seward Tilton, male; parents, George and Lydia.
- Dec. 24. Dorothy Grace Tracy, female; parents, Mahlon and Rose.

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- Jan. 19. Joseph Adelard Albert, male; parents, Adelard and Virginie.

DEATHS FROM FEB. 10, 1919, TO FEB. 10, 1920

- Jan. 8. Marie R. Paradis, age 80; cause, arterio sclerosis.
- Jan. 10. Lillian B. Taylor, age 32; cause, tuberculosis of lungs.

- Jan. 17. Theda M. Noble, age 8; cause, acute meningitis.
- Jan. 20. Mary E. Longley, age 67; cause, pulmonary tuberculosis.
- Jan. 27. Leroy Page, age 69; cause, depressive insanity.
- Dec. 12. Geo. F. Reynolds, age 72; cause, chronic diabetes.
- Feb. 4. Florence E. McArthur, age 2 days; cause, premature infant.
- Feb. 5. Carrie S. Gilbey, age 56; cause, cancer of liver.
- Feb. 6. Geo. A. Barnard, age 57; cause, surgical shock.
- Feb. 16. Lucile C. Cowan, age 3; cause, acute appendicitis.
- Feb. 27. Alice A. Manter, age 61; cause, cerebral degeneration.
- Mar. 31. Ella Reynolds, age 66; cause, cancer of stomach and intestines.
- Apr. 3. Cyrus W. Powell, age 86; cause, cerebral hemorrhage.
- Apr. 8. Florence R. Powell, age 13; cause, empyema.
- Apr. 25. Charles F. Roundy, age 93; cause, mitral insufficiency.
- May 12. Orrion M. Reynolds, age 59; cause, cerebral hemorrhage.
- May 14. Gilbert R. Austin, age 2 months; cause, broncho-pneumonia.
- June 10. Mary H. Hilton, age 86; cause, arterial sclerosis.
- Aug. 9. Charles E. Winslow, age 38; cause, acute dilatation of heart.
- Aug. 27. Julia A. Mackintosh, age 72; cause, chronic interstitial nephritis.

Oct. 13. Lucetta M. Shaw, age 81; cause, cerebral hemorrhage.

Dec. 10. James A. Bacon, age 73; cause, gangrene of leg.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FIELD, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Sidney Town Fair, 1919

Appropriated by the town	\$50 00
Balance unexpended, 1918	19 66
Received from M. L. Reynolds ...	5 00
Ground rent	8 50
Dance	5 25

Total received	\$ 88 41
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EXPENSES

Paid for hay	\$10 00
Music	4 00
Ribbons	2 25
Bills	6 00
Cleaning hall and grounds ..	2 50
Premiums for 1919	52 25

Total	\$ 77 00
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Balance unexpended	\$ 11 41
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Respectfully submitted,

C. S. TAYLOR,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Superintendent of School's Report

To the Citizens and School Committee of Sidney:

I herewith submit my second annual report of the schools for the year ending Feb. 20, 1920.

In this period of stress throughout the country, which of necessity follows the completion of a World War, a general report of our educational conditions is of vital interest.

The problems of good roads and good schools are of especial importance to us, for upon these do the strength and welfare of the people depend. The question of road construction, although of lesser importance than the school question, was partially solved at the last session of the Legislature and provision made for maintenance by means of a bond issue. The school system, especially in the small rural sections, is already facing a crisis and no provision can be made by the state until the next Legislature convenes. Therefore, what burden of increased expense there is, must be borne by the town, and unless the taxpayers can rally to the support once more, the schools are in grave danger.

The distribution of the state funds, according to the reports, favor the larger centers. Parents with children are gradually moving out of the country to the better city schools, and our financial situation will grow worse instead of better unless some change is made in this distribution. It is to be hoped that the cities will recognize this fact before it is too late and will also realize their prosperity depends upon the

wealth of the rural towns, and will use every influence to bring about a better solution of this problem.

How to provide suitable teachers for the schools is causing considerable anxiety. Nearly one hundred schools in this state have been closed for the whole or a part of the year because qualified teachers could not be found.

The mill, the factory, the office and the store have not only been able to draw many teachers out of the profession, but have included on their payroll our supply of prospective teachers. The time for action is imperative, and with the most concerted effort of the nation, the state and the people, it will be some years before our corps of teachers is recruited to normal strength.

A decided increase in teachers' wages has been made by many towns already, in order to retain their teaching force for the year. The state department has issued, from time to time, warnings and advice regarding this matter, and has urged that it be given very careful attention at the annual meeting.

In our town for the past year, the wages have been a little over \$12 per week, and the market value of the dollar is about 49c. Out of the ten positions in town, five teachers at least will not return for the spring term. Those positions must be filled or provision made in some way for proper schooling, and it is better and more profitable, in my opinion, for schools to be consolidated and for children to go long distances to school, than to employ a high school graduate without training or experience.

Taking all things into consideration, the matter of board, clothing, traveling expense, and the fact that our teachers are fast being called into other lines of business, leads me to suggest that the minimum salary in the rural sections should be at least \$15 per week, and in making my recommendations I have used this as a basis.

TO THE PARENT

I wish to urge on the part of the parents the necessity of keeping their children in school during the session of thirty weeks. We have reached the point where the school is a privilege, and I may say almost a luxury, so great is the sacrifice on the part of the taxpayer to maintain them. A parent who keeps a child from school because of some little miff with the teacher, because the building is not in the best repair, or because the child lives not within sight of the school, is committing a grave crime and stealing from the child "that which makes it poor indeed."

Very few cases have come to my attention in this town this year, but there have been some, and such a practice should be condemned by the people.

REPAIRS

The repairs for the year have been for the most part of a minor nature, such as cleaning, banking, etc. A closet was made at the White School, so that books not in use could be brought to this point and cared for. The intense cold snap made it necessary to install new stoves in districts 4 and 5. These stoves are of the thirty-six-inch type and are suited to the capacity of the room. During the coming year the stove at West Sidney should be changed, as the one in present use is neither safe nor large enough.

TEXT-BOOKS

No change of text-books on a large scale has been made. The English books and spellers, as fast as the old texts are used up, have been replaced with modern books. By following this policy, we shall gradually have a uniform system of new books without a great increase in cost to the town.

REMARKS

The schools as a whole have done satisfactory work and the prevailing school conditions have been just fair. There has been no epidemic, but in a number of the schools mumps and whooping-cough have broken up the attendance for short periods.

I am satisfied that in most cases the teachers have done their best work. In any present school system, weak places will be found, and some teachers will be stronger than others.

I believe that in all cases, however, that the school will be much improved if the parents in their particular district will stand firmly behind the teacher, and make the most out of the conditions, whatever they may be. Criticism, if not destructive, is oftentimes good, but a word of praise will assist the young teacher more and be more conducive to a good school than anything else in the world.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In making my recommendations, I have not taken into account any deficit of past years. I have estimated tuition for thirty pupils at \$45 per year. You will note that thirty-five were enrolled in high school during this year.

Common schools	\$4,000 00
Repairs	200 00
Text-books	200 00
High school tuition	850 00

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the school committee and citizens for the help and advice which they have tendered me during the year. Below is the financial report:

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$3,400 00
Equalization fund	300 00

Mill tax	806 44	
Common school fund	874 29	
Overdrawn	766 22	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,146 95

EXPENDITURES

Eva Sawtelle	\$ 180 00	
Bertha Norton	168 00	
Elsif Peterson	463 50	
Margaret Weiss	120 00	
Marion Sibley	370 80	
Eva Blaisdell	130 00	
Elizabeth Hewins	120 00	
Angelina Sawtelle	182 00	
Jennie Smith	162 80	
Alice Smith	110 00	
Edna Peterson	216 00	
Amy Smith	252 00	
Mildred Trask	252 00	
Martha Strachen	252 00	
Margaret Johnson	84 00	
Beatrice Bangs	150 00	
Myrtle Conforth	182 00	
Lida Smith	195 00	
Mrs. Annie Davis	115 20	
June Towle	36 40	
Harriet Nye	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,813 70

JANITOR

Doris Haskell	\$ 8 75	
Care Bailey	7 00	
Edna Peterson	12 50	
Angelina Sawtelle	8 00	
Jennie Smith	7 20	
Sumner Trask	18 00	

Alice Smith	5 00	
Edna Nichols	15 50	
Ralph Weeks	16 00	
Willis Bowman	17 75	
W. Cowan	7 80	
Charles Philbrook	10 50	
John Bohl	10 50	
Almon Stevens	7 50	
Beatrice Bangs	7 50	
Martha Strachen	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 162 50

CONVEYANCE

Percy Hallett	\$ 350 00	
W. H. Cowan	191 10	
Ira Foss	186 00	
Ira Taylor	207 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 934 10

WOOD

W. W. Cowan	\$ 57 00
Percy Hallett	72 00
Horace Farnham	16 00
George Houghton	21 00
C. S. Taylor	5 75
Roger Lewis	2 00
John E. Sawtelle	3 75
Alice Smith	2 00
James Ramsey	6 00
Eldredge Hughes	1 50
Frank Faught	80 00
R. Smiley	9 50
Elsif Peterson	2 00
Allen Hallett	8 00
John Bohl	1 00
Almon Stevens	1 00

Sumner Trask	2 75	
Ruby Haskell	1 00	
Charles Philbrook	2 00	
Frank Faught	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 314 25
Overdrawal of 1918-19		922 40
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Total expenditures	\$	6,146 95

REPAIR ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 100 00	
Overdrawn	104 23	
	<hr/>	\$ 204 23

EXPENDITURES

Florence Bowman	\$ 2 00
W. W. Cowan	5 00
Kennebec Journal	60
George Nichols	1 50
W. P. Marble	85
Milton Bradley	13 10
A. Sawtelle	6 80
Eva Blaisdell	1 00
Graduation exercises	8 00
Annie Hughes	8 00
City Job Print	2 75
Gladys Cummins	3 00
Ruth Lewis	2 00
Beatrice Bangs	3 00
Marcellus Blaisdell	4 00
Herbert Stevens	3 00
A. W. Hammond	4 55
Ernest Lewis	16 00
E. E. Babb & Co.	21 72
Clyde Trask	3 00

H. Haskell	3 50	
W. Wildshire	1 00	
D. M. Marshall & Co.	74 43	
Elsif Peterson	69	
John S. Tapley	7 49	
Lida Smith	1 00	
James Bean	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 204 23

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 400 00	
State aid	500 00	
Overdrawn	171 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,071 50

EXPENDITURES

Roland Bailey	\$ 41 50
Edmund Longley	41 50
Vere Hallett	41 50
Charles Lewis	41 50
Kenneth Peck	41 50
Doris Drummond	41 50
Manson Cowan	41 50
Beatrice Bangs	41 50
H. A. Tilton	41 50
Roger Lewis	17 50
Ruth Lewis	17 50
Care Bailey	17 50
Willis Bowman	17 50
Gertrude Bowman	17 50
Annette Bangs	17 50
Allen Hallett	17 50
Gladys Hallett	17 50
Mildred Davenport	24 00
Donald Freeman	24 00

Carleton Hammond	24 00
Erma Goff	54 00
Emily Bourne	54 00
Earl Hutchins	12 00
Beatrice Freeman	22 50
Ernest Abbott	24 00
William Mills	36 00
Elsie Freeman	39 00
Mabel Freeman	39 00
Jesse Blaisdell	39 00
Mabel Field	39 00
Edward Freeman	27 00
Clinton Davis	15 00
Frank Lathe	35 00
Beulah Knight	50 50

SUMMARY

Town of Oakland	\$ 513 50
Oak Grove Seminary	214 50
City of Augusta	117 00
Coburn Classical Institute	81 00
M. C. Institute	24 00
Town of Belgrade	36 00
City of Waterville	50 50
City of Hallowell	35 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,071 50

TEXT-BOOKS

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 150 00
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EXPENDITURES

Benj. Sanborn	\$ 5 95
Ginn & Co.	81 53
American Book Co.	42 12
World Book Co.	3 95
Silver Burdette	8 08

Milton Bradley Co.	3 08	
Unexpended	5 29	
		—————\$ 150 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAPLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

Warrant for Town Meeting

*To C. S. TAYLOR, Constable of the Town of Sidney,
in the County of Kennebec.* GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sidney, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 1, A. D. 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a town clerk.

ART. 3. To choose three selectmen.

ART. 4. To choose assessors of taxes.

ART. 5. To choose one member of school board.

ART. 6. To choose a treasurer.

ART. 7. To choose a collector of taxes.

ART. 8. To choose a fire warden, fix his compensation and raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to choose one or more road commissioners.

ART. 10. To choose overseers of the poor.

ART. 11. To choose constables.

ART. 12. To choose fence viewers.

ART. 13. To choose a pound keeper.

ART. 14. To choose field drivers.

ART. 15. To choose surveyors of wood and bark.

ART. 16. To choose surveyors of logs and lumber.

ART. 17. To choose a town auditor.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to establish a price for men and teams for labor on highway during the past winter and for the coming summer.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for making and repairing highways and bridges, and determine in what manner it shall be expended.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of raising and appropriating money necessary to entitle the town to state aid, as provided in section 19, of chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 21. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvement of the section of state aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 18, chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise money and what sum for the maintenance of state aid highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of sections 8, 17, 26, 27 and 28, chapter 25, of Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 23. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of common schools.

ART. 24. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for tuition of scholars attending schools and academies out of town.

ART. 25. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of poor.

ART. 26. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray town charges.

ART. 27. To see if the town will authorize one of the selectmen to sell and convey land bought for taxes.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the consent of the selectmen, to hire money for the use of the town.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25 for Memorial day.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to hold a fair in 1920.

ART. 31. To see how much the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a fair.

ART. 32. To choose officers for the fair.

ART. 33. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of school books.

ART. 34. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairing of schoolhouses.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to recommend the appropriations for 1921, the same to be published in the next annual report.

ART. 36. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the town debt.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$408.70, the amount due Vassalboro on ferries.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen and treasurer to be at the selectmen's

office the first and third Saturdays in each month, with the road commissioners subject to call.

ART. 39. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used in conjunction with the state in repairing the River Road.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school committee to combine schools, if conditions should make such action necessary.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at their office for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not to make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon with the clerk of said town on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hand this 17th day of February,
A. D. 1920.

H. A. FAUGHT,
T. W. LONGLEY,
GUY H. LYON,

Selectmen of Sidney.

Mr. Reynolds
Augusta P. #3

